104. The passive safety mechanism of claim 101 wherein said blocking means positions a trigger return spring.

105. The passive safety mechanism of claim 103 wherein said blocking means positions a trigger return spring.

106. The passive safety mechanism of claim 101 wherein an additional part becomes disengaged or misaligned when said blocking means is removed.

107. The passive safety mechanism of claim 101 wherein an additional part, other than said blocking means, becomes disengaged when said connecting means is removed.

108. In a firearm having a sear, a trigger, a triggerbar, and a longitudinally slidable firing element; a passive safety mechanism comprising:

a. a blocking means to block said firing element; and

b. a connecting means which connects said trigger to said blocking means and to said triggerbar.

109. The passive safety mechanism of claim 108 wherein said connecting means is slidable.

110. The passive safety mechanism of claim 108 wherein said connecting means is a slidable link.

111. The passive safety mechanism of claim 110 wherein said slidable link has an arm which passes through said trigger and into said triggerbar.

112. The passive safety mechanism of claim 108 wherein said connecting means provides pivot means for said triggerbar.

113. In a firearm having a sear, a trigger, a triggerbar, and a longitudinally slidable firing element; a passive safety mechanism comprising:

a. a blocking means to block said firing element; and

b. a slidable connecting means which connects said blocking means to said trigger.

114. The passive safety mechanism of claim 113 wherein said trigger is longitudinally slidable.

115. In a handgun having a frame, a sear, and a longitudinally slidable firing element; a passive safety mechanism comprising:

a. a blocking means to block said firing element;